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## **Advisory Announcement**

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## **DISTRICT 15 DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY EXTENSION**

Haines... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced today the District 15 drift gillnet fishery will be extended 24 hours in 15-A and 24 hours in Section 15-C as follows:

Section 15-A: waters north of the latitude of Katzehin River flats light at 59°11.73′ N lat will be extended for 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Friday, September 4, 2020, with the following restriction:

<u>Lutak Inlet</u>: will be closed north of a line at the Chilkoot River terminus marked by ADF&G regulatory markers located at 59°19.06′ N lat, 135°33.29′ W long to 59°19.47′ N lat, 135°32.59′ W long.

Section 15-A: waters south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Talsani Island at 59°04.93′ N lat will be extended 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 2, 2020, with the following restriction:

Gillnet mesh restriction: minimum allowed mesh is six inches.

Section 15-C: will be extended for 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 2, 2020, with the following restrictions:

Lynn Canal: will be closed north of the latitude of Point Bridget at 58°40.73′ N lat;

Gillnet mesh restriction: minimum allowed mesh size is six inches.

This announcement was made on the VHF radio on channel 68 at approximately 11:45 a.m., Monday, August 31, 2020.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S5520.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.

Advisory announcement web site: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

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